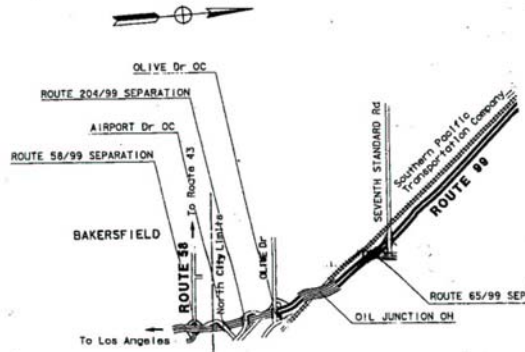


PPNo 3548
EA (pending)
PROJECT TITLE

**TREE PLANTING ON STATE HIGHWAY 99
NEAR BAKERSFIELD**



Project Location: SR 99 IN BAKERSFIELD

Co/Rte/KP/PM: Ker-99 KP 45.4/46.6
PM 28.2/29.0

Project Description: This project will be a Tree Planting enhancement along State Route 99, Bakersfield.

Project Scope: This project will provide landscaping with native or climatically appropriate trees, an irrigation system, and a 3 year Plant Establishment period, maintenance vehicle pullouts, and maintenance access gates.

Existing Funding: IIP: \$594,000
RIP: \$0
Other: \$0

Future Funding Need: \$0

Total Estimated Cost: \$594,000

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

Start Environmental Studies	July 2005
Draft Environmental Document	Sep 2005
Final Environmental Doc(PA&ED)	Dec2005
Begin Design Engineering	Dec 2005
Plans, Specifications, and Cost Estimates complete	Oct 2006
Start Right of Way Acquisition	n/a
Right of Way Certification	Oct 2006
Ready to List	Dec 2006
Advertise	Feb 2007
Approve Construction Contract	Feb 2007
Project Completion(open for use)	May 2011

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Need:

This project will provide much needed aesthetic improvements to the Highway 99 Corridor. The widening project did not provide any aesthetic enhancements and the need is great for planting, paved gore areas and other structural treatments unique to this gateway community.

Project Purpose:

This project is within the limits of the district's "Highway 99 Task Force" in addition to being identified in the "Metropolitan Bakersfield Freeway Beautification Master Plan Design Guidelines. The purpose of this project is to carry out some of these guidelines, by providing highway planting, irrigation, and safety elements such as gore paving, and access gates. This effort will further the concept of a unified valley-wide corridor.